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*Noted by
Gen. Cabell*

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT : Special Meeting of the Defense Mobilization Board
REFERENCE : Letter from Director, ODM to DCI, dated 4 September
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1. At [redacted] request, I am submitting the following comments regarding the attached letter and memorandum from the Director, Office of Defense Mobilization.

2. I believe the Agency should be represented at this meeting. There are major telecommunications problems inherent in the present situation with the Soviet Orbit. I have probably had as much to do with the study and recommendations with respect to these matters, which culminated in NSC-169 and the Killian study, as anyone else in the Government. It was largely through our efforts that the review resulting in NSC-169 was made and many of the solutions grew directly out of studies conducted within the Agency.

3. In light of Dr. Flemming's desire that the head of the Agency or his deputy should attend, I believe you should consider attending although I believe I could handle the problems which will be posed. If you concur that the Agency should be represented and are able to attend the meeting yourself, I recommend that we obtain a copy of the report and I will prepare a briefing memorandum for your assistance.

4. I understand that Mr. Hoover is taking a personal interest in this meeting and is prepared to participate actively. He, of course, has extensive background in communications and has a personal interest in the subject. At times, his approach concentrates more on technical and operational problems than on organizational, policy and planning matters. However, I understand that he will receive a very good briefing on these subjects by members of his staff.

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